

Extension of Metro Rail Project upto Noida

2305. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to extend Metro Rail upto Greater Noida, so as to attract people of India and abroad to this city for investment;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) by which date this project is likely to be completed;

(d) whether Government propose to dedicate this project to the name of any national leader; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Reservation to MPs in Patna-Rajdhani Express

@2306. SHRI RAM DEO BHANDARY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of MPs who had asked in writing or telephonically for reservation in Patna Rajdhani Express on 22.7.2000 to attend the current session of Parliament, together with the date, time and class of reservation asked for;

(b) the names of the MPs who were not provided reservation in any class till release of the final chart;

(c) whether it amounts to preventing MPs from fulfilling their Parliamentary responsibilities by not providing them train reservation for attending the Parliament session; and

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(d) if so, to whom Government consider responsible for it and what action is proposed to be taken against them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) The names of Union Minister and Members of Parliament who had sought for reservation in 2309 Patna-New Delhi Rajdhani Express of 22.07.2000 together with the date, time and class of reservation asked for are as under:—

Name	Date of request	Time(hrs.)	Class
Shri H.D.N. Yadav, Union Minister	17.7.2000	15.26	I AC
Shri R.D. Bhandary, MP	17.7.2000	16.28	I AC
Shri P.N. Singh, MP	18.7.2000	15.07	I AC
Shri D.C. Yadav, MP	19.7.2000	15.27	I AC
Shri Manjay Lal, MP	19.7.2000	15.59	I AC
Shri R.P. Rudy, MP	20.7.2000	12.34	I AC
Shri B.N. Mandal, MP	20.7.2000	13.17	I AC
Shri R.N. Jha, MP	21.7.2000	09.44	I AC
Shri P.K. Agarwal, MP	21.7.2000	17.39	I AC
Shri Rajo Singh, MP	22.7.2000	17.56	I AC
Shri S. Soran, MP	20.7.2000	14.36	2 AC
Shri R.M. Singh, MP	21.7.2000	11.29	2 AC
Shri R.N. Kovind, MP	21.7.2000	17.58	2 AC
Shri R.D. Agarwal, MP	21.7.2000	17.58	2 AC
Shri S. Ray, MP	22.7.2000	09.32	2 AC
Shri R.P. Singh, MP	22.7.2000	12.40	2 AC
Shri R.K. Pandey, MP	22.7.2000	14.01	2 AC
Shri R.J. Singh, MP	22.7.2000	13.36	2 AC

(b) Only the name of Shri Ram Deo Bhandary, MP, did not appear in the final chart.

(c) and (d) Preference is given for allotment of accommodation to the VIPs out of Emergency Quota. On 22.07.2000, there was a

heavy demand for travel of various VIPs which included Union Minister, Members of Parliament and Speaker and Ministers of Bihar Government. Due to heavy rush, the Emergency Quota controlling staff inadvertently failed to allot accommodation to Shri Ram Deo Bhandary, MP. For this lapse, suitable action is being taken against the staff concerned.

Reported Forfeiture of Berth of a Women Passenger

@2307. SHRI RAM DEO BHANDARY. Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards the newsitem published in the 'Navbharat Times' on 24th July, 2000 under the caption "Kam Umra ka batakar mahila railyatri kee berth cheen lee";

(b) if so, the comprehensive details thereof; and

(c) whether Government have taken any action in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) As per Press report, a lady passenger, aged 20 years had confirmed reservation in Coach Number S-5 of Vikramshila—Magadh Express leaving Bhagalpur on 20.7.2000. The Coach Travelling Ticket Examiner (TTE) allegedly compelled her to leave her reserved berth on the ground that she did not appear to be 20 years old and allotted the same berth to some other passenger after collection of some amount unauthorisedly. The TTE reportedly did not listen to the plea of the passenger and insisted on purchase of another ticket leading to harassment of the party.

(c) The matter is under investigation by Eastern Railway.

Procurement of Locomotives and Coaches

2308. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

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